

Smiles spring out

The pansies are not the only smiling faces on campus. Faculty and students can almost smell spring in the air and since the season starts March 20, the wait won't be too long.

After the panic and turmoil of mid-term tests and grades, which are to be turned in by Monday, spring holidays will be a welcome and necessary break.

Spring Break, March 28-April 1, includes the weekends before and after those dates, giving campus folks nine days of vacation and relaxation.

Unfortunately, those nine days will have to sustain students until the end of the semester. Since Good Friday is April 1, students and faculty must survive until finals with only one holiday--Spring Break--this semester.

Classes end May 6 and finals week will be May 9-12. After commencement on May 17, most faculty and students will be free to smile all semester.

Students' opinions vary on politics

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Super Tuesday, March 8, has been called "very important" by everyone from NBC "Today" reporter John Palmer to the nearest candidate.

Many students were not registered to vote in this primary but say they will be for the November election.

Their opinions about election and candidates are largely unenthusiastic.

Bill Knight said, "It's just a crock. There is so much misconception. They (candidates) tell you one thing and they do something else."

Susan Riggott said, "I think it's going wrong. I think it's a mistake by nominating Bush. I hope he doesn't win."

Sophomore Brian Boatman said, "I'm all for elections. This is a tough one though. I don't have a clear cut favorite. I know I don't want Bush to win."

Journalism major Amy O'Neal said, "It's a farce. The candidates are a joke. No one has any real experience except for Bush."

Gina Evans said, "I think all the candidates spend too much time putting each other down, and I don't like them wearing cowboy hats in Texas."

When some students were asked how they felt about straight ticket voting, they responded with these answers:

Boatman said, "During the primaries it doesn't bother me, but I'm not a believer in straight ticket voting."

O'Neal said, "If you like a candidate in one party and you're

registered in another, then you feel cheated."

Evans said, "If you like ideas in one party and ideas in another, it's not fair to have to vote this way."

The same students were asked about Pat Robertson running for president.

O'Neal said, "He might be charismatic, but he doesn't have the leadership skills. He could hurt our country."

Boatman added, "Robertson was one of my favorite candidates, but he turned into too much of a politician. He hasn't gotten his facts straight. I think it will hurt his chances for president."

Out these seven interviewed, only four of them voted; two were not registered and one was not concerned with the primaries at all.

Other students were asked what media has been most helpful keeping up with the presidential primaries information, which candidate they prefer and why.

Freshman Salena Hitt said, "Word of mouth and radio have been the main sources of information for me. Jesse Jackson or Gary Hart. I really don't like anyone else running."

Sophomore Jim Borden, "I'm not 'keeping up' with the debates. I don't intend to vote. I've been watching some television, not paying strict attention to politics."

Former TJC student Kelley Jennings said, "I haven't been keeping up, but I like Al Gore. He seems to be very level-headed; he sticks to what he says."

Freshman Paul Ellis said, "I've been watching television, but I don't intend to vote."

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Elections to begin March 15

Students can vote Tuesday and Wednesday for Student Senate and Sophomore Class officers and sophomore senators. Polls will be in front of Vaughn Library, said Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater.

Only the sophomore vice presidency is contested. Julie Edenfield and Claire Bullock are running for that office.

The offices of president, vice president, secretary and sophomore class president are uncontested.

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Senate candidates are: president--Blair Blackburn, vice president--Andrew Correll and secretary--Kimberly Weaver.

Sophomore class president candidate is David Baker.

Candidates for sophomore senators include: Susan Blalock, Karyn Burkhammer, Robert Callahan, and Gene Gradick. Ten are to be elected.

Freshman Class officers will be elected by incoming freshmen next fall.

All students may vote in the election. These officers will serve next year.

Seniors to visit campus Friday

Area high school students will have the opportunity to explore a future with TJC during Senior Career Day Friday. Seniors from 25 area high schools have been invited.

TJC classes will not meet Friday. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the HPE Center. The Stage Band will provide musical entertainment as students register.

Departmental displays will be featured in Gentry Gymnasium.

"These displays provide a view of what's available in each department," said Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis. The displays allow all students to see each department in an enlightening manner, said Lewis, and they can be quite elaborate.

Career guidance and counseling sessions are also scheduled to answer questions seniors have about specific majors or about the college in general.

After the career sessions, seniors will be guests at lunch in Wagstaff Gymnasium.

During lunch, Harmony and

Understanding, the Apache Belles and Apache Band will perform in the College Capers Variety Show. This entertainment gives students a chance to view some of the extracurricular activities available, Lewis said.

From 1-4:30 p.m. the seniors are free to tour the campus and get a personal view of the College.

They can visit the Student Center, counseling center, Wagstaff and Gentry gyms. The departmental displays will be available to students to view at their convenience. They can also visit housing facilities and financial aid and scholarship offices.

Lewis expects 1,200 to 1,500 area seniors will come to Career Day. He estimates last year's attendance at 1,200.

"I think Career Day has added more of an overview of TJC than any other event," Lewis said. "Most people don't realize the amount of opportunities that TJC offers."

Early registration set

Students can register early for fall semester from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. April 11-15 in Wagstaff Gym.

"April 4 we will issue time permits out of the registrar's office for early registration," said Registrar Robert C. Cullins.

"Beginning June 7 we will issue time permits for regular registration," Cullins said.

Regular registration is tentatively scheduled from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

on August 24-25 in Wagstaff Gym.

"Late registration is tentatively scheduled for August 29-Sept. 2 for 1 to 7 p.m.," said Cullins.

A hold will be placed on a student's registration if the record shows any unpaid parking fines, tuition, library fines, bad checks or failure to complete admissions requirements. "Things like missing transcripts," Cullins said.

Registrar changes date for summer session sign-up

Students may register for the first summer session from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. May 31 in Gentry Gym.

The first day of Summer Session I has been moved from June 1 to June 6.

"Due to the public schools in the tax district having to extend the semester because of snow days, we moved the date forward," said Registrar Robert C. Cullins. "The first two weeks (the students) will have to go to school on Fridays. Then the rest of the session will be regular."

Late registration for Session I runs through Friday, June 3.

Although late registration usually takes place after classes begin,

"there will be no late registration after classes start," said Cullins, because class dates have been changed.

"By attending the two Fridays, we eliminate altering the end of Summer I or the beginning of Summer II," said Cullins.

Registration for Summer Session II runs from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. July 11 in Gentry Gym. Classes begin July 13. Late registration is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 13 and ends July 14.

"We have several 'mini-sessions' throughout the summer. You may think we register people one time a semester, but we register people almost daily!" Cullins said.

Cost to police rises past acceptable limits

Our men and women in blue, for the last several years, often have been portrayed as crooks, thieves, on-the-take. Now, it seems, we have an unofficially declared 'open season' on them. Weekly, if not daily, we get another report of another policeman being shot, seriously wounded or killed.

Reflecting upon who these men are and why they are so susceptible to such treatment reveals one of America's less flattering characteristics--apathy.

Apathy comes easy when everything is going well, when one's own home is safe and secure, when one is free to walk down the street without fear for his life, when one's life is free from fear of personal attack. Apathy.

It's easy to forget these other Americans. They have devoted their lives to freeing the rest of us from worry. Every day they work surrounded by the darker side of life. They are exposed daily to those who openly disapprove the American way and use every means, legal or illegal to voice that disapproval.

From the runaway child to the mass murderer, these rebels show no concern for how their actions may affect the rest of us.

Our concern for them is about the same unless we become personally involved. We count on the people in blue to be there to deal with them. That's what we pay them for, a very small price to pay for a life.

Placing a monetary value on a human life is not the American way, but that's what we have done. It's a small wonder a few law officers seek other means of support when they become aware of the paltry value placed on their life. They see crooked politicians, drug dealers and pimps living lives free from monetary concerns, while, at times, their duty calls them to put their lives on the line to apprehend the bad guys.

One American way we all choose to live by is protecting what is ours, possessions and freedoms. We count on the folks in blue to help protect us.

They have always had a public job, a costly job in the sense of security and well-being. Today that cost seems just a little more final.

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Hawkin's letter warns students against drugs

Several weeks ago all TJC students received a letter from TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins. The state legislature mandated this letter be sent to students in all state supported institutions. The letter explained TJC's policies about controlled substances, as defined by the state.

State statistics indicate that the prominent age group at TJC, those 26 and under, are also the most likely to be using drugs. Student Affairs Director Bill Crowe said.

Crowe said there actually have been few cases investigated here involving drugs. "Two or three last year and maybe one this year," he said.

Students who face a drug problem, their own or someone they are close to, should seek counseling at Health Services, Hawkins advised in the letter.

TJC has no organized drug counseling program at present, but Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher hopes something will evolve. Boucher refers students to other organizations for counseling and treatment.

The actual problem on campus in Boucher's opinion, "with one case being too many, I think we have a problem."

Reader says

'I cried, I became a user.'

To the editor:

The letter about drugs was directed to the wrong party.

You see, the last person to admit they have a problem is the user.

I have a problem with drugs. Someone I love dearly is a user. If I speak to him about it the end result is an argument. I have the problem because I suffer emotionally. Yet, no one sends me a letter offering help, emotional support or guidance.

My battle is worse than the user's, I am aware of what is taking place. I can see the physical damage being done to him. I feel the pain of losing to drugs someone I love dearly. I can't talk to him about it. If I talk to others, I am afraid of the consequences for him. I have suffered for years. I am desperate. I have begged. I have pleaded. I have asked him to leave numerous times.

In defeat I cried. The past few years had been too much. I had lost many dear friends in a few short months. Now my father was dying of cancer. My mother's need of emotional support was tremendous. I couldn't share my problem with her.

I cried, "If you can't beat them, join them." I became a user.

In the realm of the real world, things continued to fall apart. I became a regular user. I thought I was escaping through drugs. I knew better. It was the beginning of a near fatal inner battle.

After my father's death, I began my retreat from the real world. I quit school. I would not leave the house, the phone was unplugged, I spoke only when I had to and even then my words were filled with hate. Hate for myself.

One day I was sitting, doing absolutely nothing; another day, a clone of the previous weeks of doing nothing. I began to shake. A voice screamed inside my

Opinions

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Sophomore Sandy Pennington said, "Television. Bush, I'd like to see a continuation of the programs Reagan started."

Sophomore Becci Albright said, "Newspapers and television. Bush; I'm a Republican. I believe Bush will be the best man."

Sophomore Clint Holley said, "Television and radio. Probably DuKakis. His stand on big business, using American products and factories, is the most appealing platform in his campaign."

Sophomore Joe True said, "Not really keeping up. I'm undecided as of yet. The main objective of the next president should be a sincere

"Education is a big factor. If they are taught as children, they won't feel they are being preached to when they are older," Boucher said. "I think we're headed in the right direction."

No longer kept in the dark, children are being taught more about the world and specifically about drugs.

Boucher said some students have come to her with problems other than drug use, but, she believes, in several cases, drugs were the underlying problem.

Crowe sees the drug user as similar to the alcoholic as far as admitting the problem. The user must institute the change.

"If they can't see they have a problem, they are headed for a disastrous situation," Crowe said.

If he suspected or knew a friend or loved one was using drugs, Crowe said, he would try to intervene and convince them they need help.

If that failed, he said, he would turn them in.

Crowe admitted that serving on the police force in Austin for six years probably would affect his reaction.

Crowe urged students with drug problems to seek help. "Our counselors are not the types to be cynics. They're not going to look down on anyone," he said. Counselors are there to help.

head, "Get out, get out, get out!" The shaking worsened. I was suicidal.

The urgency to get help was overwhelming. I couldn't get out of the house fast enough. I began crying. I was scared. I drove like the crazed creature I had become. I didn't know where to drive.

I would think of somewhere to go, head that direction and change my mind. I was afraid; the recluse I had become kept me from approaching anyone for the help I needed.

I overcame. I got help. I take medication to repair the damage done to the nerve endings; the numb feeling in my head only returns when I am overtired. I haven't felt so alive in years.

But I keep thinking of all the misery I could have been spared if someone had offered to help me before I turned to drugs. If someone had offered advice on living with a user I love.

Once I began to join the living, my user noticed the difference. His habit slackened gradually. Today it is non-existent. He hated seeing the misery I was going through, but his addiction made him helpless, too.

We support each other. There are still shaky moments, but they come less frequently.

If I had had some emotional support, someone I could confide in, someone who would not judge the one I love but help me to help him...help him want to live.

In time, if the drug user decides he/she has a problem and wants help, there are a multitude of places for them to go. Until that time who is going to help the ones who love and must simply cope?

Perhaps Dr. Hawkins' letter should have been directed to these who love. Let's find support for those who are open targets, exposed to drugs, tomorrow's user, today.

Name withheld by request

concern with the country's economic situation."

UT Tyler student Mary Hill said, "USA Today and CNN. Maybe DuKakis. Of all the candidates, he stood out to me. I've been needing through the candidates. I don't like candidates playing with emotions to receive votes. DuKakis has been factual."

Campus Briefs

AAUW offers scholarship

The Tyler branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a \$600 scholarship for 1988-89 to a graduating sophomore woman. March 24 is the deadline for applying for the scholarship which may be used at any senior college for undergraduate studies.

Contact Financial Aid Director Charles Johnson Jr. in the financial aid office for application forms and guidelines.

For further information call AAUW Scholarship Chairman Bridget Mann at 592-4698.

SMU offers transfer aid

Southern Methodist University will offer scholarships for junior and community colleges graduates who transfer to SMU beginning next fall.

The new SMU program offers half-tuition honors scholarships for transfer students who have at least a 3.5 grade average in all transferable courses.

Need-based scholarships for transfer students up to full tuition will be available for those who meet requirements and demonstrate financial need.

"By offering these new transfer scholarship opportunities, we hope to attract more of the bright, highly motivated students who otherwise might not be able to afford a private university," said SMU President A. Kenneth Pye.

Students transferring from junior or community colleges must have 50 hours of course work to apply for these scholarships.

April 17 is New Transfer Visitation Day at SMU. Transfer students can talk to representatives of various academic areas, other transfer students enrolled there and members of the University's admissions and student life staffs.

Deadline for applying is June 1. Additional information and application forms may be obtained by calling (214)692-2058 or 1-800-323-0672.

Camp seeks workers

Leaders are making plans for Camp Patriot at the University of Texas at Tyler next summer.

Day camp registration will be June 2 and 3 with camp beginning June 6. The camp will run weekdays through August 12, said Director Barry Tillie.

Full days will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with morning sessions from 7:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. and afternoon sessions from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. These sessions are open to young people age seven through 12.

Applications are available for those interested in work at the camp. Jobs include counseling or other specialties areas such as, crafts, fishing, camping, nature studies or folk dancing. Applications are available in UTT's Health and Physical Education Building, Room 228.

Singer sets gospel show

Gospel singer Sandi Patti will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Oil Palace.

Tickets cost \$12.50 plus a 50 cents surcharge. They may be purchased at the Melody Shop and Better Books Christian Center in Tyler and at ticket outlets in surrounding towns.

Groups of 20 or more receive a \$1 discount on tickets bought only at the Oil Palace. To charge tickets dial the Oil Palace (214)566-2122. Most credit cards are accepted.

Address for mail orders is the Oil Palace, P.O. Box 6032, Tyler, 75711.

Local information is 566-2122.

The concert is presented by Chic-Fil-A and sponsored by the Oil Palace and Better Books Christian Center.

Dorm assistants organize

The Resident Assistants Association, a new campus organization, was formed to help resident assistants become more professional at their jobs, said RAA President Monty Montgomery.

It is also here to help bond together all the RAs on campus, Montgomery added.

The organization was started about three weeks before the end of the fall semester after a Student Senate vote confirmed it.

RAA publishes a newsletter Montgomery says he is very proud of.

Other RAA officers are: Vice president Robert Bernal, Secretary/Treasurer Dana Wysocki and Historian Pam Burgess.

RAA members plan to attend the North Texas State Resident Assistant Conference April 15-17 in Denton.

The group took pictures at the Valentine dance.

RAA hopes to set up a scholarship fund. They would like to get input on that idea from former TJC RAs. In their search for former RAs, Montgomery asks any student who has such information to send names and addresses to RAA, TJC Box 97, Tyler 75711. Or they may contact Montgomery in Holley Hall.

Montgomery said anyone thinking of becoming a resident assistant can join the organization.

Inmates to tell stories

A group of Texas Department of Corrections inmates will tell their life stories at 11 a.m. Monday in the Student Center. Their purpose is to educate, warn and inform teenagers about the dangers and consequences of drug life.

Their program is part of Operation Kick-It. The Tyler Noon Lions Club is sponsoring the program in the Tyler area.

The TDC inmates will be housed in Smith County Jail while in Tyler.

RA applications due Friday

The residential life office is now accepting resident assistant applications for next year.

Applications must be turned in no later than Friday and must contain two written recommendations. Selections will be made March 14-19.

Residential Life Director John Smith said no RA experience is required, but previous experience in residence halls is required, either as a resident, hall officer or RA. Other beneficial experience includes camp counselor or other jobs requiring leadership and responsibility.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, be enrolled at either TJC or the University of Texas at Tyler and be available for one full academic year.

Benefits include free room and board, the opportunity to be exposed to situations that most students won't be exposed to, such as training workshops and activities and experience for the future jobs that require leadership, or even careers in campus residential life.

Smith said that although most RAs consider the free room and board to be the most beneficial, the long-term benefits to jobs or careers can greatly aid the student.

For more information, contact the Smith in the residential life office in the Student Center, or call 531-2487.

Psych Club makes plans

The Psychology Sociology Club has planned four spring activities, said their new sponsor Rebecca Laughlin-Foster.

A film about AIDS will be shown in Vaughn Library all month as part of AIDS Awareness Month.

Members will also volunteer at area nurs-

ing homes Friday and paint houses for the elderly March 19.

The Club plans a Heart Hike for the American Heart Association April 16 at the University of Texas at Tyler.

They will go to Six Flags later in April.

Any student interested in joining should contact Laughlin-Foster in office T in Potter Hall.

Membership costs \$10 and a 2.5 grade point average is required to join.

Laughlin-Foster encourages all students "to participate in the Heart Hike and walk a mile for their health."

"A lot of students feel left out because they are not part of the school. With our Club, students can be part of the school and community," she said.

"We encourage anyone who wants to help in their school or community and have fun doing it to join the Psychology-Sociology Club," she said.

Aid forms change

Students who need financial aid for the 1988-89 academic year should pick applications up in the financial aid office, said Financial Aid Director Charles Johnson Jr. Johnson urges students to complete applications by April 1.

Changes have been made in the applications and students should read the new forms carefully, fill them in accurately, keep good records and apply early, he said.

The next academic year is the first time Congress has enacted statutory formulas and definitions for determining costs of attendance and financial need. It also marks the first use of Congressional system to determine costs of a student's financial need.

For further information contact Johnson in the financial aid office in Jenkins Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 531-2385.

ABWA plans style show

The American Business Women's Association Rose Garden Chapter will host their Annual Brunch and Style Show from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at Tyler Petroleum Club II, American Center II, 821 ESE Loop 323.

Tickets cost \$12.50. Proceeds fund area scholarships.

Checks may be mailed to Linda Clancy, 1001 Hudson, Tyler 75701 or reservations made by calling 592-8161.

Fashions featured will be from Beall's Department Store, The Woman's Shop and J-Carl's Men's Store.

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Features

10 minutes crucial for morning drivers

Students who commute to school often face tardies and embarrassment because they do not allow enough time in the morning to park and get to their classes on time. Commuting students can get held up at home for a variety of reasons.

Ten minutes in the morning are crucial, especially to those who commute.

Freshman Scott Humphrey said, "Ten minutes is everything. If I lose 10 minutes, I just can't make it to class on time."

Another freshman, Charles Kirk, said, "If I am right on my schedule, I have plenty of time to sit around before my class, but if I am 10 minutes off my daily schedule, I am usually held up in traffic and late for my first class."

"Ten minutes in the morning is more valuable to me than an hour in the afternoon," said Freshman Christie Villuaneval.

Sophomore Susan Blalock said, "My horses come first. If something is wrong in the barn, five or 10 minutes can blow it.

And then sometimes I wonder if I leave late just so I can drive 70 miles an hour to school."

Some students, rather than giving excuses for being late, will not go to class at all if they are tardy.

"If I am late, I won't go to class. It's embarrassing. Everybody watches the person who comes in late," said Villuaneval.

Sophomore David McGee said, "I don't go to class if I am late... I just don't."

Excuses for tardiness were similar in content, a typical sob story.

"If I am going to be late, I usually have a sob story. Teachers are pretty cool about occasional tardiness," said Humphrey.

Suggestions for preventing tardiness are simple:

- Allow 30 extra minutes each morning.
- Make sure to put gas in the car the night before.
- Buy only wrinkle-free clothes.

Parking violations pose major problem

That white parking ticket on the window may be unpopular, but it is important.

"Tickets are serious," said Campus Safety Officer Lynn Guthrie.

"If a student doesn't take care of his tickets, his parking privileges may be revoked or worse," he explained.

If they're not cleared before registration, the student would be barred from registering and "his transcript wouldn't be released," he said.

Due to the elimination of one parking lot before completion of a bigger and better one, students are in a frenzy trying to park anywhere their car will fit. In many cases they park in undesignated areas.

TJC has 14 student parking lots and five for faculty, Guthrie said. Many students are parking in faculty, visitors and handicapped spaces. These are violations.

Guthrie said the problem finding a parking space is not as bad as it is made out to be.

"There is a lot of parking space. Unfortunately it's just not as close as students would like it to be," he said.

He cited the lots on Magnolia

and Palmer streets as often having empty spaces.

"A lot of students are parking on the grass and on the edge of the lot, blocking people in. This can cause a serious problem," he said.

Students who park on TJC lots are required to register their vehicle and obtain a permit, which must be affixed to the back window (driver's side) or the front window (passenger's side).

Students are allowed to park in faculty lots after 5 p.m. except for the upper faculty lot north of Genecov Science and Arts Building.

"It's off limits to students 24 hours-a-day," Guthrie explained.

"If students want to appeal a ticket, they must file an appeals form in the Campus Safety office within five days of the violation date," he said.

"Parking too close to the corner or too far from the curb on any of the streets is a city matter and the students will have to take that up with the people who issued the ticket which in most cases is the Tyler Police Department," Guthrie said.

"There's a new lot being built that will have over 400 spaces. That should help tremendously," he concluded.

'Music Man' to open Thursday despite glitches in building

By JULIE EDENFIELD
staff writer

Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" will open tomorrow despite the fact that the set didn't go into production until two weeks ago. The show runs through Saturday with performances at 8 p.m. nightly in Wise Auditorium.

"We will have everything done on the set as of tomorrow," Co-Director Cheryl Rogers told the musical cast Thursday night. "We'll get it done with your help."

Cast and crew members willing to stay into the wee hours, a dedicated directing team of Rogers and Candy Crocker Jordan, set designer

Allen Brines and light technician J.R. Brown, have turned set building into a concerted team effort.

"The set is being pulled together rather than designed," said Brines. "It doesn't fit together as well as it should."

Some parts are actually pieces of other sets.

"Some drops are being borrowed from somewhere else--we've only seen pictures of them," Brines said. "It's somewhat of an eclectic set."

Both Brines and Brown are volunteers who have helped put the show on stage. Brines lives and works in Jacksonville supervising computer services for a company



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WHERE ARE THOSE DROPS WE BORROWED?--Construction on the set of "The Music Man" did not begin until two weeks ago but with the help of cast and crew, the show will be ready for tomorrow night. It runs through Saturday at 8 p.m. in Wise Auditorium. Students and faculty will be admitted free with I.D. cards.

GETTING THEIR ACT TOGETHER--"The Music Man" rehearses for tomorrow opening. Tickets can be purchased at

which manufactures microwave towers. He has college degrees in theater.

While Jordan and Rogers say they are still ahead of schedule compared to last year's show, "Brigadoon," Brines insists "you're never really finished. There's always something more you could do."

Though set construction is a little behind, the cast is doing a great job remembering lines.

"We're able to move rather swiftly through rehearsals," Rogers said. "The cast has memorized their lines faster than any other group we've had."

"It's been confusing without backdrops and such, but they've done a great job," she said.

"There's been lots of good teamwork," she said.

Saturday was the first time for the

Donors give 5 presidential scholarships

Five students will receive, for the first time this spring, presidential scholarships established this year. Since October, 1987, TJC has received \$313,265 in contributions which includes the new presidentials.

● David and Martha Fletcher have established the "Rusty" Ingram Fletcher Presidential Scholarship.

● Dorothy and Jack White have established the Dorothy Fay and Jack White Presidential Scholarship.

● Jeanne and Phil Hurwitz have established the and Phil Hurwitz Presidential Scholarship.

● The family of the late S.W. Brookshire has established the S.W. Brookshire Scholarship.

● The T.B. Butler Publishing Company has established the Sarah Butler Presidential Scholarship.

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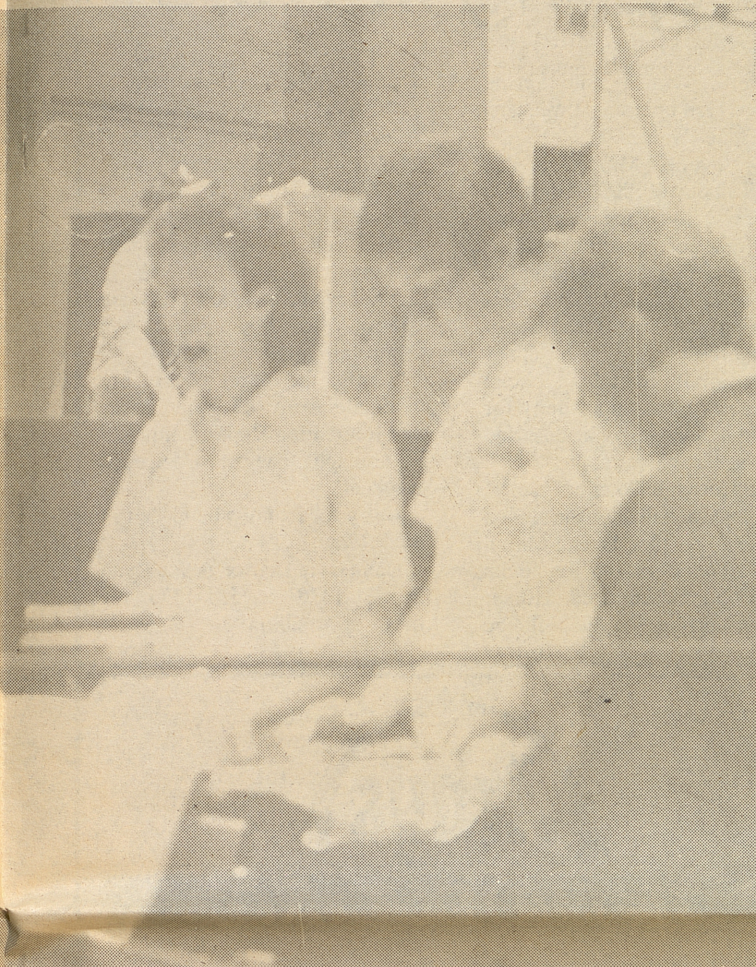


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Choir to be incorporated in a rehearsal, along with the small children and boys' band.

"The Music Man," a two-act musical set in River City, Iowa, relates the story of Harold Hill, a con man posing as a traveling salesman. He sells band instruments and uniforms with the promise of organizing a boys' band, but plans to run off with the money. His plans are interrupted when he falls in love with librarian Marian Paroo.

One of the most popular musicals in American musical theater, it features such favorite songs as "76 Trombones," "Lida Rose," and "Trouble (In River City)."

The cast includes Roger Pharr as Hill, Leslie Wickham as Paroo, Missy Burks as Mrs. Paroo, Dwaine Stroud as Mayor Shinn, and Paula Ashby as Mrs. Shinn.

The school board includes Chris Nutt as Ewart Dunlop, Wes Goddard as Oliver Hix, Michael Allen as Jacey Squires, and Brian Parker as Olin Britt.

Other cast members are: John McMillan as Tommy Djilas, Jennifer Dement as Zaneeta Shinn, Randy Rocha as Marcellus Washburn, Jennifer Rogers as Amaryllis, Scott Brandt as Winthrop, Angie Snailum as Alma Hix, Liz Latta as Maud Dunlop, Laura Taylor as Ethel Toffelmier, Leighann Lewis as Mrs. Squires, Scott Brown as Constable Locke and Keith Emmons as Charlie Cowell.

Tickets cost \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at Joyner Fry, Hurwitz Man's Shop, Melody Shop and on campus in the music program and business offices.

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pend to an academically talented graduating senior without regard to need.

Since their inception in 1983, 30 presidential scholarships have been given. These represent a \$750,000 endowment, said TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins.

Among junior/community colleges, TJC ranks ninth in the nation in private contributions.

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Piper nomination surprises, honors playwright Crawford

By **CHRISTY BUSBY**
editor

Speech/Theater Coordinator David Crawford has been singled out for honor by his peers as TJC's Piper Award nominee.

Each year TJC, along with other Texas universities and colleges, elects a faculty nominee for the Minnie Stephens Piper Award. This award is given through the Piper Foundation, an endowed trust that annually selects 10 Piper professors in Texas.

"The Piper nomination is an honorary award given by your peers, the teachers on your campus who feel you have excelled," Crawford explained.

The nominee is selected in a process developed by the Faculty Senate.

The nomination process starts with the Senate's professional growth and development committee. They distribute ballots each fall to all faculty in the four divisions of the College: business and industrial technology, humanities and social sciences, science and mathematics and health, physical education, recreation and athletics.

Each division votes on a candidate. The four nominees who receive the most votes in each division prepare a packet of personal and professional information. The division dean endorses the nominee. Then the Faculty Senate elects one of the four as Piper Professor, said Faculty Senate President Sarah Harrison.

Crawford was caught off guard by his nomination.

"I was shocked and surprised. I had thought about the Piper before, but I never thought I was in the discipline for such an award," he said.

Modesty cloaks his record. Crawford has produced plays at TJC, in other Texas cities, in Mississippi and

off-Broadway. He has also had "some success as a playwright."

Other nominees were: Physical Education Instructor J.D. Menasco, Biology Instructor Judy Parks and Mid-management Instructor Carroll Cassel.

Crawford received the first Mattie Alice Scroggins Baker Excellence in Teaching Award. This new Award which automatically goes to the Piper nominee, carries a \$1,000 award. It was begun this year with earnings from a \$25,000 endowment given the College by Baker who died last year.

Though he will compete against others for 10 state-level awards, "the honor of the Piper nomination is here," Crawford said.

"These are the people who know you and work beside you. Elsewhere, it is just resume against resume," he added.

"We never feel like anybody is watching. It has affected me to know that someone is watching. That makes a difference," Crawford said.

Crawford received a plaque from TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins and his name has been added to the Piper Award plaque in the Hall of Honor in Jenkins Hall.

"It was indeed an honor, but I am still the same person," Crawford said.

"The recognition that what you devoted your whole life to and that other people share your aspiration and think you are pretty good at what you do is a good feeling," he added.

The 10 Piper professors will be selected in San Antonio in April. Crawford will be up against nominees from other colleges and universities across the state.

"There's always a faster gun in the west," he said.

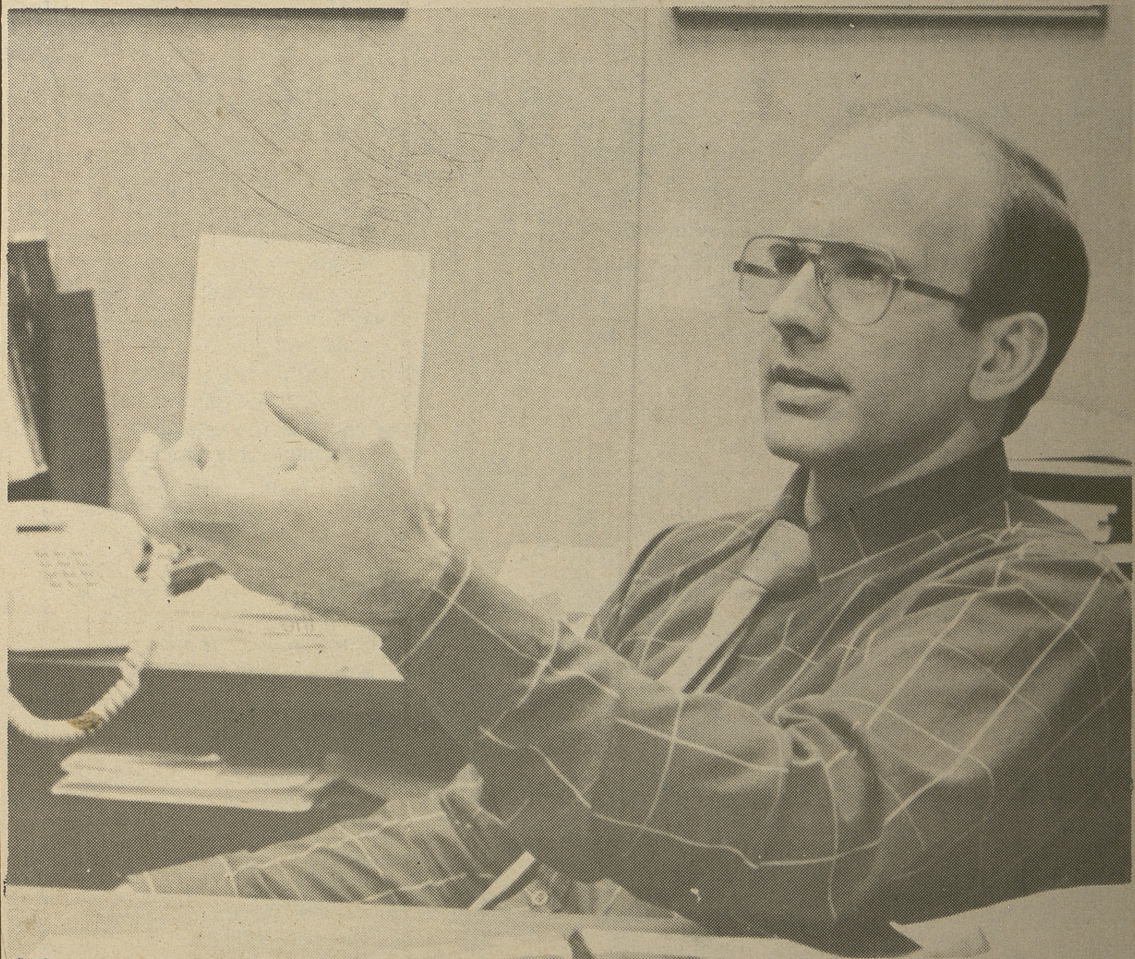


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PIPER NOMINEE--Speech/Theater Coordinator David Crawford is the nominee for the Minnie Stephens Piper Award. Selected by the Faculty

Senate, he will compete against nominees from other colleges and universities.

NBC reporter comments about politics, press roles

By AMY O'NEAL

NBC "Today" reporter John Palmer told a capacity crowd at University of Texas at Tyler that Super-Tuesday would be one of "the single most important political events in history."

Although Super-Tuesday is not likely to produce a dominate candidate for the Democrats, Jesse Jackson is gaining momentum and might be the winner, Palmer predicted.

He called the 1988 presidential campaign "an interesting political season."

In the Republican race, Palmer said, George Bush leads Robert Dole by a 3-to-1 ratio. Pat Robertson must do well in South Carolina (March 5) to realistically stay in the running for the GOP nomination.

Palmer also discussed journalism's role in politics. He said Americans generally trust journalists, ranking them higher than politicians.

Criticism of journalism and journalists is not new, and much of it is justified, such as the Rather-Bush incident, which Palmer called "unfor-

...modern television journalism ... 'contributes much to society.'

tunate and embarrassing" for all journalists.

Sam Donaldson, one of the most widely-criticized journalists, is "highly respected" by his col-

leagues, Palmer said. "He has a knack for asking the right questions."

Journalists must be assertive, and that may include shouting out questions even to the president. "It's part of our job," he said.

Palmer, a graduate of Northwestern and Columbia universities, grew up in east Tennessee. His first job out of college was as reporter and anchor for television station WSB in Atlanta.

Palmer praised modern television journalism which "contributes much to society."

Television journalism, he claimed, brought the American people together through coverage of such tragedies as the space shuttle disaster in 1986.

"I was proud of television that afternoon because it brought us (the American people) together," he said.

"Corazon Aquino would not be president of the Phillipines if it weren't for television," he said.

Palmer also praised such television shows as "48 Hours" on CBS, programs that showed the plight of the American farmer and AIDS victims and the Public Broadcasting Service series on the brain.

Journalists are sometimes guilty of invading people's privacy, he said, but in the Gary Hart scandal, Hart brought many of his troubles on himself.

Hart was held to a different standard than John Kennedy and Dwight Eisenhower, presidents whose extramarital liaisons were known, Palmer said.

"Times have changed," he said. "Since Watergate and the Iran contra scandal, we now care about the people who take office."

But he expressed concern that the press and public are holding candidates to impossible standards.

"I don't advocate key-hole journalism," he said, but a candidate's personal life is a key to character.

He called the Iran contra affair "a terribly important subject that needed to be reported." The press should have known and they did not.

For the past five years, Palmer worked on the "Today" show. He described the show as "a serious program that tries not to take itself too seriously."

Palmer recalled the early days of the show when a chimpanzee was used to boost the poor ratings.

He was a White House correspondent before his "Today" role. In that capacity he received the Meriman Fund Award for Excellence in presidential news coverage after he broke the story of the failed U.S. mission to rescue American hostages in Iran in 1980.

Stephanie Payne and Catherine Starkey contributed to this story.

Trail draws visitors to spring flowers

Tyler's Azalea and Spring Flower Trail opens next weekend for a nine-day run.

The event, March 19-27, brings about 60,000 visitors to town annually. They come to see seven miles of "beautiful gardens in some of Tyler's most beautiful residential areas," said Paul Bendel of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce.

The Trail includes special events as well as opportunity for individual viewing of azaleas and other spring flowers.

The Heritage Tour of historic homes is scheduled for the second weekend of the Trail, March 25-27. Tours cost \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Horse-drawn carriage rides will be

available at a nominal charge.

A special Candlelight Tour from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. is set for March 25. Because advance reservations must be made by March 22, interested persons should call 597-6583 for more information.

Trail events include a porcelain exhibit, quilt show and arts and crafts fair in Bergfeld Park.

Booths for these events are available from the Tyler Parks and Recreation Department, 125 S. College. They cost \$6 each weekend.


Entry forms must be turned in by Friday.

Call Gayla Deuson or Ida Ryan at 531-1378 or 531-1374 for more information.




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PALMER PAUSE--NBC "Today" reporter John Palmer called Super Tuesday one of the most important days in American history. The journalist also discussed the role of the press in a free society. His speech was the last in the current Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of Texas at Tyler.



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10-K run to open 1988 Azalea Trail

By CAROL BOWMAN
staff writer

The 5th Annual 10-K and Fun Run will open the 1988 Azalea Trail March 19. The top eight 10k finishers in both male and female categories and the top two finishers in the masters division will win a total of \$10,000 in prizes.

An eight-day, seven-night trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, is top prize in the random drawings. Other drawing prizes are a color television, compact disk player, a microwave and a 35 mm camera, said Dawn Petko, public relations assistant at Mother Frances Hospital. The Hospital, in cooperation with the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, is one of the Run sponsors.

Runner Jim Ryun who has set three world records will run in the

10k run. He will also be guest speaker for the Carbo Buffet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 18 in the Health and Physical Education Center.

Carbo Buffet tickets cost \$6 each

The 10-K (6.2 mile) Run will start at 8:30 a.m. and the two mile Fun Run will begin at 8:35 a.m., both in Bergfeld Park.

Runners interested in elite status are asked to contact race officials at the Hospital at 531-4223 prior to the race.

Entry costs \$8 before March 12 and \$10 afterwards. Entry forms are available in the community services office of the Hospital or their LifeWorks Store in Broadway Square Mall from March 14-18. Forms are also available in brochures in TJC News boxes on campus.

Texas junior college teams seek change from NJCAA

Will Texas junior college basketball programs secede from National Junior College Athletic Association?

That is expected to be considered at the NJCAA convention March 24-26 at national headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Recently NJCAA Region XIV athletic directors met to discuss several proposals, including development of a state league and championship program and withdrawal from the NJCAA.

The NJCAA playoff format is considered the biggest problem. Two Texas regions, XIV and V, must play each other two out of every three years.

Although the NJCAA consists of 24 regions, only 16 make the National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas. The format which has been in existence since the tournament began in the late 1940s, is considered

outdated. It eliminates a full one third of the teams in sub-regional play on a yearly basis.

Dr. Billy Doggett, dean of health, physical education, recreation leadership and athletics, said, "The cost is the biggest problem with expansion of the National Tournament."

"The women are currently playing a 24-team tournament format which we have hosted and will host in the future," he said.

Loss of national exposure is an unnecessary regression. "You never hear from California any more. They dropped out of the NJCAA in the late 1950s," Doggett said.

Doggett expects discussion on the national level to bring about changes.


"Change will come about slowly, but we will work within the system," he said.



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WATCH IT -Sherrill Phillips dodges a spike from Kerry Foote during an afternoon volleyball game at the Baptist Student Union as Greg Pearson wat-

ches. Other activities include free lunch on Wednesdays followed by a special program. All students are invited to come and participate.



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8 cited in Talent Roster

By AHMED HENRY
staff writer

Eight students have been listed in the nationwide Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates.

They are: Robert P. Bernal, Alfred J. Caldwell, Joe A. Coleman, Jessie A. Grubb, Sherry D. Lewis, Tonya R. Lewis, Thresa G. Love and Jessica B. Richards.

An academic committee chose these eight students for the Roster published by the College Board. They considered all minority students on campus who met the criteria, said Instructional Administration Dean Jerry Leard.

Publications containing their names will be distributed this spring to all four-year universities in the United States.

Each student can expect several scholarship offers from upper division schools.

One of those selected, Coleman said he and Sherry D. Lewis were both honor graduates of Grapeland High School.

Coleman has applied to the University of Texas at Tyler where he hopes to major in secondary education.

Though he has not yet received any scholarship offers, Coleman says he is pleased to have been chosen.

The selecting process is a difficult one.

"The committee used a computer printout of all the minorities on last spring's Dean's List and matched it with a new printout of the fall list to make their choices," Leard said.

Leard said this system has a built-in possibility for error because the committee must decide which of the five minorities would be chosen.

"There is definitely a need for a new system," Leard said.

A lot of minority students in two-year technical schools are eliminated from consideration because you must be going to a four-year university or plan to attend one to be eligible, he said.

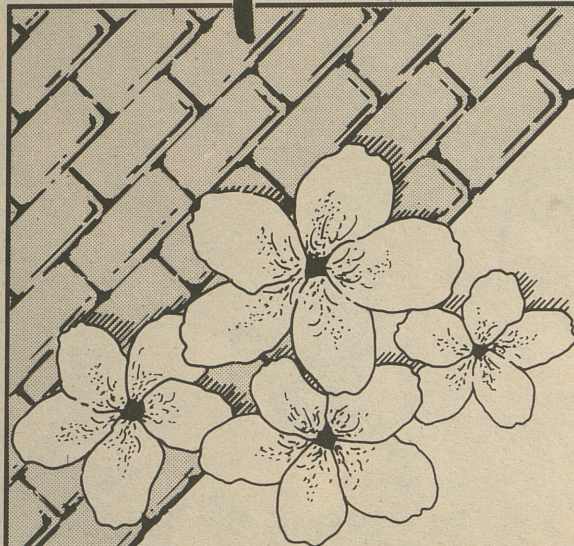
The students were notified by mail. They received an agreement letter to be signed by the student and returned, giving the Board permission to print their names.

"Some students agreed to have their names printed, some disagreed and some gave no reply at all," Leard said.

Universities correspond directly with the students to offer scholarships.

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Jim Ryun, considered to be the greatest American miler ever, will be the 1988 Azalea Trail's guest runner. He was the youngest runner ever to break the 4-minute mile and his record set in high school is yet to be broken. Ryun will speak at the pre-race Carbo Buffet on Friday, March 18, and he will participate in the 10K Azalea Run on Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m.

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